

## September 2010 Vote History

### Budget, Taxes and the Economy(539) - HR 5297: Small-Business Tax and Lending - Motion to Concur

September 23, 2010 - Bean, D-Ill., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide for a variety of small-business tax initiatives, including a revival of an expired bonus depreciation provision to allow companies to write off assets more quickly. It also would establish a \$30 billion small-business lending fund administered by the Treasury Department, with funds directed to community banks. The cost would be offset with increased penalties for failing to file information returns, new limits on paper-makers' ability to claim a biofuel tax credit and new rules on tax-delinquent federal contractors. Motion agreed to 237-187. Vote: Nay

### (564) - HR 3081: Continuing Appropriations - Motion to Concur

September 30, 2010 - Obey, D-Wis., motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill that would provide continuing appropriations through Dec. 3, 2010, for all federal departments and agencies, none of whose fiscal 2011 appropriations bills have been enacted. It includes several spending adjustments including an increase of \$624 million for the National Nuclear Security Administration and \$23 million for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. It also would extend year-round child nutrition programs and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's pre-disaster mitigation operations. The bill would allow the District of Columbia to implement its local budget beginning on Oct. 1, 2010. Motion agreed to 228-194. Vote: Nay

### Business and Labor(556) - HR 4072: Workforce Training Programs - Passage

September 29, 2010 - Hirono, D-Hawaii, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct neighborhood training centers to give priority to programs that lead to credentials that are in high demand and recognized by private industry nationwide. Motion agreed to 412-10. Vote: Yea

### (565) - HR 3940: Minimum Wage Increase Delay - Passage

September 30, 2010 - Miller, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill that would delay a scheduled minimum wage increase in American Samoa in 2010 and 2011, and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in 2011. It also would express the sense of Congress that the Interior Department could provide technical assistance to the government of Guam for public education regarding Guam's political status only if the status options are consistent with the U.S. Constitution. Motion agreed to 386-5. Vote: Yea

### Congress and the Federal Government(521) - HR 2039: Legislative Branch Buy American Requirements - Passage

September 15, 2010 - Brady, D-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would clarify that the Buy American Act, which requires the purchase of domestically produced goods for public use by government entities, applies to products purchased for use by the legislative branch. The bill also would establish additional restrictions for products bearing a congressional seal. Motion agreed to 371-36. Vote: Yea

## (534) - : Opposition to Lame Duck Session - Motion to Table

September 23, 2010 - Hastings, D-Fla., motion to table (kill) the Price, R-Ga., appeal of the ruling of the chair that the Price draft resolution does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House under Rule IX of the House. The draft resolution would pledge that the House would not assemble on or between the dates of Nov. 2, 2010, and Jan. 3, 2011, except in the case of a sudden unforeseen emergency requiring immediate action from Congress. It would specify that certain items of legislation, including any measure "increasing any tax on any American," could not be considered as an emergency. Motion agreed to 236-172. Vote: Nay

## (562) - HR 946: Plain Language in Government Communications - Passage

September 29, 2010 - Clay, D-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill that would require executive branch agencies to use plain language, defined as writing that is clear, concise, well-organized and appropriate to the subject and intended audience, in documents issued to the public, excluding regulations. Motion agreed to 341-82. Vote: Yea

## (563) - HR 512: State Election Official Political Activity - Passage

September 29, 2010 - Davis, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would prohibit a chief state election administration official from taking an active part in a federal election campaign that the official supervises, except for their own or that of a family member.

Motion agreed to 296-129. Vote: Nay

## Domestic Issues (520) - H Res 1571: Miami Dade College 50th Anniversary - Adoption

September 14, 2010 - Watson, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would congratulate Miami Dade College on its 50th anniversary of academic excellence and service to the residents of Florida. Motion agreed to 378-0. Vote: Yea

## (522) - HR 5873: Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office - Passage

September 15, 2010 - Clay, D-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate a postal building in Waterford, Wis., as the "Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office."

Motion agreed to 411-0. Vote: Yea

## (525) - H Res 1610: Sept. 11 Remembrance - Adoption

September 15, 2010 - Connolly, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would extend the sympathies of the House to the friends, families and loved ones of the victims of the attacks and express gratitude to the leaders and citizens of nations that have assisted the United States in its fight against terrorism. Motion agreed to 410-0. Vote: Yea

(528) - HR 3562: Mississippi Civil Rights Heroes Federal Building - Passage

September 16, 2010 - Johnson, D-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would designate a federally occupied building in Jackson, Miss., as the "James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, and Roy K. Moore Federal Building." Motion agreed to 409-0. Vote: Yea

(541) - HR 5756: Autism Training and Research - Passage

September 23, 2010 - Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$18 million annually in fiscal 2012 through 2016 for grants for autism research and services, including interdisciplinary training, continuing education and technical assistance, for children and adults with autism, their families and health and education professionals. Motion agreed to 393-24. Vote: Yea

Energy, Environment and Federal Land(532) - HR 5131: Coltsville National Historical Park - Passage

September 22, 2010 - Christensen, D-V.I., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$10 million to establish the Coltsville National Historical Park in Hartford, Conn., as part of the National Park System, subject to certain conditions. Motion rejected 215-174. Vote: Nay

(537) - HR 5110: Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Boundary - Passage

September 23, 2010 - Christensen, D-V.I., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the Interior Department to expand the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument in Arizona by approximately 415 acres. Motion rejected 244-174. Vote: Nay

(538) - HR 4823: Sedona-Red Rock National Scenic Area - Passage

September 23, 2010 - Christensen, D-V.I., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate approximately 160,000 acres of National Forest System land in the Coconino National Forest near Sedona, Ariz., as a National Scenic Area. Motion rejected 258-160. Vote: Nay

(555) - HR 6160: 'Rare Earth' Materials Development - Passage

September 29, 2010 - Gordon, D-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would create a program in the Energy Department to support research and development to ensure a long-term supply of "rare earth" materials for the nation's security and production needs. It also would expand a loan guarantee program for commercial applications of new or improved technologies to include those using rare earth materials. Motion agreed to 325-98. Vote: Nay

#### Foreign Affairs and Immigration(524) - HR 5366: Overseas Contractor Violations - Passage

September 15, 2010 - Clay, D-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would bar individuals or companies convicted of violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act from receiving any federal contracts or grants. Motion agreed to 409-0. Vote: Yea

#### (531) - H Res 1613: Pakistan Flood Condolences - Adoption

September 16, 2010 - Barrow, D-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express condolences and sympathy for the loss of life and the damage in Pakistan caused by the floods that began on July 22, 2010 and express solidarity with Pakistanis. It also would commend relief and humanitarian efforts in the region. Motion agreed to 396-2. Vote: Yea

#### Health Care(523) - H Res 1522: Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Week - Adoption

September 15, 2010 - Clay, D-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the designation of the last week of September as National Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Week and the last Wednesday of September as National Previvor Day. Motion agreed to 408-0. Vote: Yea

#### (543) - HR 1745: Health Center Volunteer Liability Protection - Passage

September 23, 2010 - Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would provide liability protection to health care professionals who volunteer at certain health facilities. Any health care volunteer who provides services eligible for funding under the community health center grant program would be considered an employee of the Public Health Service for purposes of any civil actions that may arise. Motion agreed to 417-1. Vote: Yea

#### (544) - HR 5710: Prescription Electronic Reporting - Passage

September 23, 2010 - Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$15 million in fiscal 2011 and \$10 million per year in fiscal 2012 and 2013 to reauthorize the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act, which provides grants to state to track drug prescriptions. Motion agreed to 384-32. Vote: Yea

#### (549) - HR 847: Sept. 11 Health and Compensation Fund - Recommit

September 29, 2010 - Lee, R-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with an amendment that would replace the payment rates provided for health treatment and services in the bill with rates equal to Medicare rates. It also would repeal certain provisions of the health overhaul law, including the creation of an Independent Payment Advisory Board and a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. It would add a section to the bill that would establish a statute of limitations on commencing a health care lawsuit and cap the awards that plaintiffs and their attorneys could receive in medical malpractice cases. Motion rejected 185-244. Vote: Yea

(550) - HR 847: Sept. 11 Health and Compensation Fund - Passage

September 29, 2010 - Passage of the bill that would create a program to provide medical services and health monitoring for first-responders and others with conditions related to the Sept. 11 attacks. It also would reopen the Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund to provide compensation for economic losses suffered by those affected by the attacks and amend tax-withholding rules for certain payments made by U.S. subsidiaries of foreign corporations. Passed 268-160. Vote: Yea

(557) - HR 3421: Medical Debt Credit Reporting - Passage

September 29, 2010 - Kilroy, D-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit credit-reporting agencies from listing in consumer credit reports medical debts that have been paid or settled more than 45 days before the report is issued. Motion agreed to 336-82. Vote: Yea

Housing(529) - HR 4785: Energy Efficiency Loan Programs - Manager's Amendment

September 16, 2010 - Holden, D-Pa., amendment that would make a several changes to the bill, including specifying that loan funds may not be used to purchase manufactured homes. It also would prohibit certain federal employees from receiving loans under the measure, including those who are seriously delinquent in tax debt or have been officially disciplined for viewing, downloading or exchanging pornography. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 402-0. Vote: Yea

(530) - HR 4785: Energy Efficiency Loan Programs - Passage

September 16, 2010 - Passage of the bill that would authorize \$5 billion over five years to create two energy efficiency loan programs, including \$850 million annually for the Home Star Energy Efficiency Loan Program, to support loans to finance energy efficiency home renovations and \$150 million annually for the Rural Savings Energy Program, to make loans to eligible entities to provide loans for energy efficiency measures in rural areas. As amended, it would prohibit individuals with gross annual household incomes above \$250,000 from receiving loans under the programs. Passed 240-172. Vote: Nay

Transportation and Homeland Security(540) - HR 5307: Smuggling on Ultralight Aircrafts - Passage

September 23, 2010 - Tanner, D-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to include small aircraft known as ultralights under its aviation smuggling provisions, thus permitting the prosecution of individuals for smuggling drugs using such aircrafts. Motion agreed to 412-3. Vote: Yea

(553) - H Res 1326: U.S.-Japan Child Custody Disputes - Adoption

September 29, 2010 - Berman, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would condemn the abduction and retention of minors who are being held in Japan away from a U.S. parent and call on the government of Japan to facilitate the resolution of all abduction cases, recognize U.S. court orders and allow communication between the children and their parents.

Motion agreed to 416-1. Vote: Yea

## (554) - HR 2378: U.S. Trade Currency Policy - Passage

September 29, 2010 - Passage of the bill that would permit the Commerce Department to impose countervailing duties on imported goods if it finds that a foreign government has undervalued its currency. Passed 348-79. Vote: Yea

## (558) - HR 2701: Fiscal 2010 Intelligence Authorization - Motion to Concur

September 29, 2010 - Reyes, D-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would authorize intelligence programs for fiscal 2010. The bill would expand congressional oversight of intelligence agencies, repeal the "gang of eight" notification procedure, which allows the president to limit reports on covert actions to a small group of congressional leaders, and require the director of national intelligence to allow access for GAO personnel to audit certain intelligence agencies. Motion agreed to 244-181. Vote: Nay

## (561) - S 3729: NASA Reauthorization - Passage

September 29, 2010 - Gordon, D-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$58.4 billion to NASA for fiscal 2011 through 2013, including \$1.6 billion for commercial crew development and cargo, \$6.9 billion for a NASA space launch system and related programs, \$3.9 billion for a crew vehicle, and \$1.6 billion for space shuttle flight operations. It would allow for one additional shuttle flight, support using the International Space Station through at least 2020 and authorize \$8.9 billion for the station. Motion agreed to 304-118. Vote: Yea

## Values Issues (533) - HR 3470: Infant Mortality Pilot Programs - Passage

September 22, 2010 - Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$10 million annually in fiscal 2011 through 2015 for grants to state, tribal and local health departments that create pilot programs to reduce infant mortality. Preference would be given to health departments that serve any of the 15 counties or groups of counties with the highest infant mortality rates in the United States in the past three years. Motion agreed to 324-64. Vote: Yea

## War on Terror and the Armed Forces(542) - HR 3199: Military Emergency Medical Technicians - Passage

September 23, 2010 - Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Department of Health and Human Services to create a program to award grants to states to aid veterans who completed military emergency medical training while serving in the armed forces to become state-licensed or certified emergency medical technicians. It would authorize \$5 million per year from fiscal 2011 through 2015. Motion agreed to 412-5. Vote: Yea

## Veterans(519) - H Res 1052: Tribute to Oklahoma National Guard - Adoption

September 14, 2010 - Boren, D-Okla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the gratitude of the House to the members of the Oklahoma National Guard for their service since Sept. 11, 2001. Motion agreed to 378-0. Vote: Yea

(551) - HR 3685: VetSuccess Website Promotion - Passage

September 29, 2010 - Filner, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the secretary of Veterans Affairs to include a hyperlink to the VetSuccess website and other appropriate employment websites on the main page of the VA website. It also would direct the secretary to promote the site through advertising and outreach to veterans. Motion agreed to 425-0. Vote: Yea

(552) - HR 5993: Veterans' Life Insurance Disclosure - Passage

September 29, 2010 - Filner, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct the Veterans Affairs Department to ensure that beneficiaries of Service members' Group Life Insurance receive financial counseling and disclosure information regarding life insurance payments. Motion agreed to 358-66. Vote: Nay